

## Introduction from Chair of the Partnership Forum

Hello everyone and welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. It's a short read but importantly we've now made a start and I'm sure that the next edition will have more content. What we really need is some content from partner organisations that reflects the work that you do around responding to safeguarding issues or in preventing them.

We are all aware of the challenges of effective safeguarding when resources are stretched and of the increased risks to vulnerable people when poverty is rising. I think that makes the work of the Partnership Forum and its contribution to the objectives of the Safeguarding Adults Board all the more important. We have worked hard this year to ensure that the Forum is relevant to its members and has a focus to its role and we want to build on that.

I believe that engagement is the most important element that we can deliver on this – by sharing and using the different ways that we engage with people to co-produce positive outcomes. Safeguarding policies and procedures provide a good framework but staff support systems based on trust, honest relationships with people at risk and the good judgement that comes from effective training and supervision are what keep people safe. We need to carry on sharing good practice, listening to what's going on locally and elsewhere and responding to live issues.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October – I'm really pleased that Mil Vasic is coming along so please try to join us.

Take care

Mark

## Halton Adult Safeguarding Scams Awareness Event

The Partnership Forum had been looking at holding a scams event before the Pandemic hit. Unfortunately scams increased even more throughout the pandemic and beyond. Therefore, once it was safe to do so, HBC Safeguarding Adults Team held two face to face public scams events. The first took place on 29<sup>th</sup> June in Widnes Market. There was good representation from number of SAB board members. Packs were given out to the public. The team were loaned 'Sid the Shark' outfit from the North West money lending team and he generated a lot of interest.

The second event was 7 July at Runcorn Shopping City and ran alongside a week long social media campaign with online resources on the SAB website. Mike Amesbury, the MP for Weaver Vale, was in attendance and all of the information packs were distributed and the event was busy. Both events were very successful in that all the event packs were distributed and a lot of conversations and information was discussed with members of the public to raise awareness.

## Statistics on adult safeguarding published in new report August 2022

The recently published report by NHS Digital provides details of safeguarding activity carried out by Councils (Local Authorities) relating to vulnerable adults with care and support needs. The data is collected directly from these councils,

[Safeguarding Adults, England, 2021-22](#)<sup>1</sup>

This publication includes information on:

- The number of safeguarding concerns<sup>3</sup> raised
- The number of safeguarding enquiries started
- How many safeguarding enquiries were completed throughout the year under Section 42 of the Care Act 2014<sup>4</sup>

Enquiries are broken down by the type and location of safeguarding risk. All data is available at local, regional and national levels.

## National Safeguarding Adults Week 2022

National Safeguarding Adults Week is 21 – 27 November 2022.

Themes for 2022 are:

- Monday – Exploitation and County Lines.
- Tuesday – Self-neglect.
- Wednesday – Creating Safer Organisational Cultures.
- Thursday – Elder Abuse.
- Friday – Domestic Abuse in Tech-Society.
- Saturday & Sunday – Safeguarding in Everyday Life.

A working group has been set up to look at events. If you would like to contribute please contact Katy Rushworth [Katy.Pryce@halton.gov.uk](mailto:Katy.Pryce@halton.gov.uk)